

Application No.: 10/593,924
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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition to be used in a process for electroplating surfaces with tin, said composition comprising the following components (g/l):

- Tin in a form of tin sulfamate	50-90
- Sulfamic acid, free	40-100
- Sulfates, in a form of SO_4^{2-}	0-15
- Nitrogen-bearing block copolymer of propylene oxide and ethylene oxide	1-6

said copolymer having a molecular weight of 3950 to 6450, said copolymer further having a and number of ethylene oxide links-to-number of propylene oxide links ratio of 1.4-1.2:1.0[[,]] at initial buildup of required number of links from propylene oxide followed by oxyethylation, the composition having a pH of 0.6 to 1.1.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) Method for electrotinning a surface in form of a steel strip or plate, the method comprising:

electrolytically coating the surface in the presence of the composition according to claim 1.

4. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 3 performed in continuous electrotinning lines with the steel strip conveying at a speed of 2 to 11 m/s.

5. (Original) Method according to claim 3 performed at temperatures of 20 to 70°C.

6. (Original) Method according to claim 3 performed at current densities of 5 to 70 A/dm².

7. (Original) Method according to claim 3 in which the strip or plate is subjected to a pretreatment of degreasing and pickling.

8. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 3 in which the strip or plate is subjected to a post-treatment of reflowing, passivation and oiling of a tin coating.

9. (Canceled)